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tenance of suitable breeding and feeding areas is launched immediately, further drastic restrictions, or totally closed seasons, may have to be imposed in the near future; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge everyone interested in waterfowl hunting to support the Duck Stamp Bill now pending before Congress to supply funds for the restoration of waterfowl breeding grounds and refuges, and to administer the law more efficiently.

Whereas it is evident that crows and other predators are annually destroying enormous numbers of eggs and young of our waterfowl and other migratory as well as resident game birds; and

Whereas such losses are believed to be greatly in excess of the numbers of such birds taken annually by legitimate hunting; and

Whereas Canadian investigators and sportsmen assure us that unless we materially reduce the crow population in the United States during the winter-time when they are massed in large numbers, restrictions on hunters will be of no avail; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge all state conservation departments and sportsmen's organizations to launch organized, properly supervised and directed crow-control campaigns during the coming winter;

Be it further resolved, That we urge the United States Bureau of Biological Survey to detail a staff of capable investigators to study predatory conditions on our principal waterfowl nesting grounds in the United States, Canada and Alaska; that the states and provinces be requested to cooperate in such investigations, and that the United States Biological Survey make such findings available to the general public at the earliest possible date.

Resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Congress to supply sufficient funds to the United States Biological Survey to maintain an adequate staff of investigators to obtain more competent information concerning waterfowl conditions, especially on the breeding grounds, in order that the Migratory Bird Advisory Board may have more complete information as a basis for intelligent action; and

Resolved further, That we strongly urge Congress to provide additional funds for the employment of Federal game protectors to aid in a more adequate enforcement of the migratory-bird regulations.

Whereas a game-fish policy comparable in scope to the American Game Policy is essential as a guide to conservation administrators, scientists and anglers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners proffer its cooperation to such committee as may be selected to draft a suggested game-fish policy.

Whereas the International Association of Fish, Game and Conservation Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining water-levels in controlling floods, aiding agriculture and conserving wild life; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association endorse the purpose of those national projects which are designed to conserve water, particularly in the Plains and Prairie States.

Resolved, That the International Association of Fish, Game and Conservation Commissioners urge the Federal authorities to promulgate and issue all regulations affecting migratory waterfowl and other migratory game birds not later than August the first of each year;

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of this Association to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey.

Whereas the progress in black-bass legislation has been quite encouraging during the past year, both in the matter of stopping the sale of black-bass and providing closed seasons during the spawning period, with suitable length and creel limits; and

Whereas thirty-three states now absolutely prohibit the sale of black bass, no matter where taken; therefore be it

Resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners strongly recommend to the remaining fifteen states that they so mend their legislation at the first opportunity as to prohibit the sale of black bass at all times, regardless of where taken;

Be it further resolved, That states which do not provide adequate closed seasons to protect game fish during the spawning period be urged to enact proper legislation without delay;

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Association be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governors of the fifteen states which do not have adequate laws to protect black-bass.